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§9–1A–20.

- (a) In this section, “approved vendor” means a person that:
 - (1) specializes in conducting background investigations;
 - (2) has experience in the gaming industry; and
 - (3) obtains the approval of the Commission to conduct background investigations under this section.
- (b) The Commission or an approved vendor shall conduct a background investigation in a timely manner of:
 - (1) an applicant for a video lottery operation license;
 - (2) a video lottery operator; and
 - (3) any other applicant the Commission considers necessary.
- (c)
 - (1) An applicant shall provide the Commission or an approved vendor with all information the Commission requires in order to conduct a background investigation.
 - (2) Failure to provide timely or accurate information is grounds for the Commission to deny an application.
- (d)
 - (1) The Commission or an approved vendor shall apply to the Central Repository for a State and a national criminal history records check for the applicant, if required by the Commission.
 - (2) As part of the application for a criminal history records check, the Commission or an approved vendor shall submit to the Central Repository:
 - (i) two complete sets of the applicant’s legible fingerprints taken on forms approved by the Director of the Central Repository and the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation;
 - (ii) the fee authorized under § 10–221(b)(7) of the Criminal Procedure Article for access to Maryland criminal history records;

(iii) the mandatory processing fee required by the Federal Bureau of Investigation for a national criminal history records check; and

(iv) the mandatory processing fee required by Interpol for an international criminal history records check.

(3) In accordance with §§ 10–201 through 10–234 of the Criminal Procedure Article, the Central Repository shall forward to the applicant and the Commission a printed statement of the applicant’s criminal history record information.

(4) Information obtained from the Central Repository under this section:

(i) shall be confidential;

(ii) may not be disseminated; and

(iii) may be used only in connection with the issuance of a license required under this subtitle.

(5) The subject of a criminal history records check under this section may contest the contents of the printed statement issued by the Central Repository as provided in § 10–223 of the Criminal Procedure Article.

(e) After completion of a background investigation conducted under this section, an approved vendor shall promptly forward the results of the investigation to the Commission.

(f) The Commission shall adopt regulations specifying the factors used to determine whether an applicant for a license must submit to an international criminal history records check.

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